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Theatrical Observer;
AND
Daily Bills of the Play.

" Nothing extenuate, nor set down aught in malice."—*Othello.*

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" The Play's the thing."—Ask for *Thomas's Observer.*

HAYMARKET THEATRE.

THE Comedy of *The School for Scandal* was performed here yesterday evening, to a good house; the new Comic Drama of *Peter and Paul* followed, and *John Jones* concluded. On Thursday next, the Comedy of *Secrets Worth Knowing* will be revived here with a very powerful cast.

ENGLISH OPERA HOUSE.

LAST night, after the performance of *A Dream at Sea, The Illustrious Stranger,* and *The Lone Hut,* a new Burlesque Ballet, entitled *Grizelle; or, Dancing Mad,* was produced. It was very successful, and the dancing of Mr. Oxberry and Miss Fairbrother caused shouts of laughter and applause. Mr. Oxberry was called forward at the conclusion with acclamations.

Vauxhall Gardens, Birmingham.—On Tuesday last, one of the most attractive fetes of the season took place at the above celebrated rendezvous. We should say that there could not have been fewer than two thousand persons present, and the general depression of the times being considered, this is a proof that nothing but the unusual treat offered could have been the cause of so great an assemblage. Mr. Darby, from London, superintended the fire-works, which were of a very superior nature, and elicited loug and repeated manifestations of applause. The great attraction, however, was evidently the vocalists, who had been engaged expressly from London, and who delighted alternately with their sentimental and comic talents. Mr. F. Martin, Mr. James Bruton, and Miss Sidney, kept up " the ball," or rather the concert. Mr. Martin was very happy and successful in " Norah, the pride of Kildare." Mr. Bruton was encored in every song he sang, and in the duet of " The Teatotallers," with Mr. Martin he was called on a third time. A grand military band was in attendance, and with their sweet sounds delighted the company until a very late hour.

We learn that Mr. Barker, the vocalist now performing at the English Opera House, has taken the Southampton Theatre, which will be shortly opened with an excellent company, selected from the metropolitan Theatres.

The Distin Family are giving a routine of concerts at the towns and villages in the neighbourhood of Worcester, and are in almost every place enthusiastically received.

The Rock Harmonicon.—This curious instrument attracts numerous parties daily to Stanley's Rooms, Old Bond-street, where the inventor's (Mr. Richardson's) three sons, perform a variety of very pleasing compositions in distinct parts; the numerous tones produced from the slabs of stones, of which the instrument is constructed, are exceedingly beautiful. The Duke of Cambridge was present the other day with a numerous suite, and was pleased to express himself highly delighted with the whole performance.

Wandering Minstrels.—There will be no lack of musical doings in the provinces this year. Adelaide Kemble, Miss Rainforth, Balfe, and

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Weiss, have commenced a tour; Thalberg, with Signor and Madame Ronconi, Madame Balfe, and John Parry, will make one: also Madlle. Moltini, Negri, Puzzi, and Rubini; as well as Grisi, Mario, E. Grisi, the Lablache, and Hayward. Wilson will give his illustrations of Scottish melodies; and H. Russell his American songs. Festivals will take place at Norwich, Worcester, and Newcastle, on the 13th, 20th, and 26th of September, and the intermediate days.

Fashionable Lounges.

To the Editor of The Theatrical Observer,

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Just wish to say a word—beg pardon, hope I don't intrude—but will you excuse me—I have to mention that I've arranged so as to rub shoulders with my friends and the fashionable world at one or other of the *Grand Lounges* about town :—

Monday, stroll to view the magnificent and numerous additions just added to MADAME TUSSAUD'S elegant Exhibition, Golden Corinthian Saloon, Baker-street, Portman-square:—An Historical Group, in Magnificent Armour, the Prince and Princess Royal, in their splendid cot, the King of Prussia, Commissioner Lin and his Consort, the gorgeous Robes of George the Fourth designed by himself at a cost of 18,000*l.*, &c.—This exhibition is crowded daily with the *elite* of society.

Tuesday, paid another visit to the THAMES TUNNEL, which is now completed, and is 1,200 feet in length. On Monday, the 1st of August the entrance will be on the Middlesex side, close to the Tunnel Pier at Wapping, when the entrance to Rotherhithe will be closed, in order to finish a newStaircase; on the completion of which the Tunnel will be opened as a thoroughfare for foot Passengers.

Wednesday, call at 21, Old Bond Street, to hear the extraordinary novelty, *The Rock Harmonicon*, which produces tones of the richest and sweetest harmony, wholly produced from fragments found among the Rocks of the majestic Skiddaw, in Cumberland. It extends to a compass of five octaves and a half, accompanied with all the additional semitones. This extraordinary instrument is the invention of Mr. Joseph Richardson, and his three sons perform on it, daily, from 10 o'clock until Dusk. The variety of tunes they execute are really endless.

Afterwards visit the *Chinese Collection*, St. George's Place, Hyde Park Corner. It consists of objects exclusively Chinese, comprising upwards of 50 figures as large as life, in their native costume, from the highest mandarin to the mechanic; and replete with articles illustrative of their manufactures, habits, and domestic arrangements.—This exhibition is well worthy of inspection.

Thursday, I am to be found at the *Magic Cave*, 35, Strand, admiring a most interesting view of *The City of Hamburgh*, painted by Mr. Cox, from sketches taken upon the spot by James Medhurst, Esq., towards the end of the late disastrous conflagration. The extraordinary effect produced gives nearly all the reality of the fire itself. In additiou to this view there are seventeen others equally effective. Open from 10 in the morning until 10 at night.—Admission 6d.

You may talk of eye snuff, but after having the head-ache for a year, popped into PERRING'S, 85, Strand. got one of his superb Beavers, so light lost the head-ache in a minute—was shewn one of his elegant Velvet Hats, could not resist buying one of them also, price 13s.—wonderful.

In my way from the Theatre, drop into the *Harmonic Meeting*, held at EVANS'S Grand Hotel, King Street, Covent Garden,—quite delighted with the excellence of the singing—commences every evening at ten o'clock. When Mrs. P. is out of town, stay a week, and only pay a guinea for bed and breakfast. I'm always to be found on Saturday, at half-past five, at the Convivial Dinner held here.

Friday, called at EMMETT'S, 27, Holborn Hill, to view his Novel Pen Maker, by which any one can make a superior Pen in less than one minute! also his improved Needle Threader, to enable Ladies, whose sight is impaired to thread their needles with the greatest ease—a most ingenious contrivance.

Strolled along Regent Street—stumbled upon GENT'S newly opened BILLIARD ROOMS, 251, Regent Circus, (two doors from Oxford-st.)—like to see what's going on—looked into the public room—fairly staggered back with amazement—*such a Slate Table!!!*—certainly the most magnificent one ever yet produced, and for precision quite a mathematical treat. I was on my way to the Polytechnic to get electrified, but found I did not require it.—A fashionable lounge forBilliard players

Have just been to Holborn Hill, for another pair of WILSON'S New Footed Boots,—talk of economy, why my expense for boots will not be half as much as it used to be, and Mrs. P. has at last found a good shop for the children's shoes,—the neat little *leather bound* shoes that Wilson makes—wear twice as long as those of the ordinary description. and never look shabby. If you go, mind the houses are immediately opposite St. Andrew's Church, 95, and 97.

Saturday, I examine MISS LINWOOD'S curious NeedleWork, Leicester Square—lately added other beautiful specimens of her art.—But I intrude—beg pardon—Your's, &c.—PAUL PRY.

Theatre Royal, English Opera.

This Evening, the Drama of A

DREAM at SEA.

Trevanion, Mr GREEN,
Richard Pendrell ..... Mr A. WIGAN.
Black Ralph, Mr O. SMITH,
Launce Lynwood.....Mr W. H. BLAND,
Alley Croaker, Mr GRANBY,
Tommy Tinkle..... ..... Mr OXBERRY,
Anne Trevanion, Miss FAUCIT,
Biddy Nutts .....Miss PINCOTT,
Margaret, Mrs EMDEN,
Ralph's Children....Master Clark and Miss France.

After which, the Farce of The

Illustrious Stranger !

Azan, Mr BARKER,
Gimbo, Mr J. BLAND, Alibajou, Mr GRANBY,
Benjamin Bowbell, Mr HARLEY,
Aboulifar, Mr A. WIGAN, HighPriest, MrBURT,
Princess Irza, Mrs HUGHES,
Fatima .... Miss PINCOTT.

To be followed by, (15th Time) a New and original Drama, in Two Acts, entitled The

LONE HUT!

Jerome, Mr F. Matthews, Antoine, MrW.H.Bland,
Lindorf, Mr Diddear, Albert, Mr Freeborn,
Paul Prophetic, Mr Harley,
Brent, Mr A. Wigan, An Hungarian, Mr O Smith,
Tracato, Mr Burt, Vernet, Mr George,
Hortense, Miss Faucit, Lisette, Miss Crisp,
Babet, Miss Murray, Pauline, Miss Taylor,
Estelle, Miss Fairbrother, Genevieve, MrsDiddear.

To conclude with, (2nd Time) a Grand Burlesque Ballet, called

GRIZELLE

Or, Dancing Mad.

A Legend of St. Vitus.

The Grand Duke of Skyleisure, Signor Oxberrini,
Prince of Cowland, Signor Wiganini,
Grizelle, (Dancing Mad) Madlle. L. Fairbrotherini,
Princess Tilda, Madlle. Kendalini,
Queen of the Willies ... Madame Diddearini

Theatre Royal, Hay-Market.

This Evening, Murphy's Comedy of The

Way to Keep Him

Sir Bashful Constant, Mr W. FARREN,
Sir Brilliant Fashion ..... Mr VINING,
Lovemore, Mr H. HOLL,
William, Mr CLARK, Sideboard, Mr WORRELL,
Servant, Mr ENNIS, Pompey, Mr BISHOP,
Widow Belmore, Mrs NISBETT,
Mrs Lovemore, ... Mrs E. YARNOLD,
Lady Constant, Mrs M. RAYMOND,
Muslin .. .. Mrs GLOVER,
Mignionette, Miss CARRE,
Furnish, Miss GORDON, Maid, Miss PARTRIDGE,

After which, (8th Time) a new Comic Drama, in Two Acts, called

Peter and Paul.

Peter Britton, Mr W. FARREN,
Paul Britton ..... Mr STRICKLAND,
Lord Dandelion, Mr TILBURY,
Schemer, Mr VINING, Arthur Willoughby, Mr HOWE
Bennet . Mr WORRELL,
Mrs Peter Britton ..... Mrs GLOVER,
Emma, Mrs E. YARNOLD,

To conclude with, the Farce of

A Nabob for an Hour.

Mr Frampton, Mr HOWE,
Dick Dumpy ..... Mr H. WIDDICOMB,
Sam Hobbs .. Mr STRICKLAND,
Miss Emms Leslie .... Miss CHARLES,
Nanny Scraggs, Mrs F. MATTHEWS.

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